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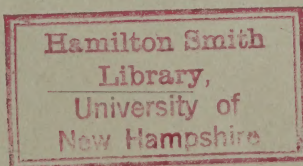
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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We the undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Marlborough, respectfully submit the following Financial Report for the year ending March 1, 1881 :

### APRIL INVOICE, 1880.

Total valuation,	\$510,014 00
Reduced value,	2,550 07
Resident real estate,	312,894 00
Non-resident real estate,	11,424 00
Mills and machinery,	53,450 00
Stock in trade,	20,578 00
Money at interest,	40,910 00
Stock in banks,	7,500 00
Wood and lumber,	850 00
203 horses,	11,262 00
614 cattle,	15,916 00
306 sheep,	868 00
1 hog,	12 00
8 carriages,	550 00
337 polls,	33,800 00
Number of dogs, 40.	

Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars, including the highway money, \$1.45.

### AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$1,280 00
County tax,	841 94
Town charges,	2,500 00
Highways,	1,200 00
Schools,	1,320 00

Tucker School Fund,	\$ 5 01
Lydia Wyman School Fund,	33 04
Town School Fund,	21 00
Ministerial Fund,	33 33
School tax in No. 2,	285 00
"    "    6,	100 00
"    "    8,	150 00
Dog tax,	49 00
Surplusage,	164 07
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	\$7,982 39
Amount of warrant committed to Edwin W. Mason,	
Collector,	\$7,982 39

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of money expended for schools, including	
funds,	\$1,648 38
District No. 1, Byron C. Knight,	\$103 89
"    2, J. Whitney Lawrence,	803 66
"    3, Elias A. Thatcher,	135 70
"    4, Edwin W. Mason,	112 99
"    5, Oren W. Richardson,	109 93
"    6, Charles M. Jones,	105 45
"    7, Milton J. White,	104 45
"    8, Mason L. White,	166 92
To Jaffrey,	3 15
To Harrisville,	2 24
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	\$1,648 38

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid fifty firemen,	\$150 00
Jairus Collins, repairs on engine and hose, from	
April 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880,	20 75
Jairus Collins, repairs on engine and engine-	
house, from April 1, 1880, to Jan. 1, 1881,	31 29
Luther G. Bemis, steward,	7 00
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	\$209 04

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid furnished Frederick C. Lang,	\$19 36
“ Mary Patnode,	8 87
“ Oren Wilbur,	92
“ Frederick C. Whitcomb,	35 50
“ John White, and family,	46 98
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	\$111 63

## SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Support of Mrs. William R. White,	\$213 40
“ Frankie Collins,	70 50
“ Marshall E. Hill,	61 05
“ Junius Hill,	48 76
“ Minnie Hill,	44 97
Paid N. H. Orphans' Home, for assuming the support of Minnie and Junius Hill,	77 50
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	\$516 18

Amount of money committed to road agents, \$1,191 60

J. Whitney Lawrence,	\$220 00
Artemas Richardson,	190 00
George Thatcher,	185 00
Charles M. Jones,	65 00
Amos A. Mason,	68 00
David S. Derby,	56 00
Levi A. Fuller,	56 00
George A. Nutting,	54 00
Philander Thatcher,	50 00
Charles M. Miller,	50 00
Frank H. Harvey,	42 60
John McRoy,	44 00
Isaac W. Holbrook,	36 00
Wilber F. Wallace,	35 00
Stillman Richardson,	40 00
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	\$1,191 60



## TOWN OFFICERS.

Amos A. Mason, Selectman, 1880,	\$111 00
J. K. Southwick, " "	100 00
Levi A. Fuller, " "	70 00
Edwin W. Mason, Collector, "	79 82
George G. Davis, Treasurer, "	25 00
" " Clerk, "	25 00
Charles Mason, Supt. School Committee, 1880,	11 00
Elisha O. Woodward, Town Hall agt. "	5 00
Jarius Collins, Supervisor, 1880,	4 50
Charles Mason, " "	4 50
Luther G. Bemis, " "	4 50
Goodhue Tenney, Police, "	3 00
Charles R. Applin, "	5 00
Cyrus S. Moors, "	1 50
Albert Knowlton, "	5 00
Carrie C. Fairbanks, Supt. School Committee,	15 50
Charles K. Mason, " "	23 75
" " Town Agent,	3 50
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	\$497 57

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. Whitney Lawrence, railing road,	\$66 72
Henry L. Wiswall, three stringers and four braces,	32 00
J. Whitney Lawrence, work on bridges,	26 77
Jarvis Adams, eight bridge stringers,	72 00
Osgood R. Wiswall, plank and poles,	38 89
J. Whitney Lawrence, work on bridges,	19 50
Charles M. Jones, work on road,	21 25
John P. Clemons, bridge bolts and irons,	9 35
Albert G. Mann, railing stones,	5 16
Artemas Richardson, railing poles,	5 50
Frank H. Harvey, work on road,	3 00
G. G. Davis, nails for bridge,	2 26
J. & L. Knowlton, bridge timber,	28 38
Henry L. Wiswall, " "	24 27
Osgood R. Wiswall, plank and timber,	6 14



Paid Jairus Collins, repairing bridge,	\$11 87
J. Whitney Lawrence, breaking roads, 1881,	13 98
David S. Derby, " " "	20 25
Artemas Richardson, " " "	6 70
John McRoy, " " "	23 36
Philander Thatcher, " " "	8 69
George A. Nutting, " " "	21 94
Charles M. Miller, " " "	40 35
Wilber F. Wallace, " " "	9 39
Charles M. Jones, " " "	15 00
Isaac W. Holbrook, " " "	16 95
Isaac W. Holbrook, railing poles,	5 14
David Cloutier, work on road,	5 00
Andrew J. Emerson, work on road,	1 50
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	\$561 31

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,280 00
County tax,	841 94
Town bonds,	750 00
Interest on bonds,	765 89
School-house tax in District No. 2,	285 00
" " " " 8,	150 00
" " " " 6,	100 00
Jairus Collins, agent, new hearse,	215 00
Abatement of taxes assessed 1879,	14 53
" " " 1880,	34 02
Printing Town Reports for 1880,	31 50
James Knowlton, labor and material repairing town house,	28 54
George G. Davis, labor and material repairing town house,	9 23
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
" " attorney fee Parker case,	15 00
Universalist society, ministerial fund,	11 11
Congregational " " "	11 11
Methodist " " "	11 11

Paid Augustus T. Woodward, moving aqueduct,	\$12 00
Record tax book,	11 00
Pamphlet laws and Collector's book,	2 00
Stationery,	7 45
Expenses taking invoice,	3 80
David McIntire, error in tax, 1879,	7 20
Bounty on 14 hawks,	2 80
Albert Knowlton, repairing wood-shed,	4 51
John J. Holbrook, surveying highway,	9 75
Expenses in the Manchester & Keene R. R. case,	15 24
Thomas White, public watering trough,	3 00
Elijah Gates, " " "	3 00
Levi A. Fuller, " " "	3 00
William C. Mason, " " "	3 00
Jairus Collins, repairing hearse,	55
" " taking affidavit,	50
" " expense to Saxtons River, Vt.,	3 50
Nelson Converse, taking affidavit,	50
Order book,	6 00
Byron C. Knight, damage crossing land, winter of 1880-81,	7 00
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	\$4,665 78

### RECAPITULATION.

Amount appropriated for schools,	\$1,648 38
Town officers,	497 57
Amount committed to road agents,	1,191 60
Support of County paupers,	111 63
Support of Town paupers,	516 18
Roads and bridges,	561 31
Fire department,	209 04
Miscellaneous,	4,665 78
Amount in treasury to balance, March 1, 1881,	2,622 68
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	\$12,024 17

# MONEY ON HAND AND PAID INTO TREASURY DURING THE YEAR.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1880,	\$1,871 84
Taxes assessed in 1880,	7,320 82
"    "    1879,	475 25
"    "    1878,	100 32
Savings bank tax received,	1,557 77
Railroad    "	56 41
Literary fund    "	90 65
Received of County, for support of poor,	51 21
"    Elijah Boyden, agent town hall building,	433 42
"    for old hearse sold,	10 00
"    on note in favor of the town,	50 00
"    interest on taxes for 1879,	6 48
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	\$12,024 17

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1881.

Cash in the treasury,	\$2,622 68
Note in favor of the town,	282 30
Money advanced to C. A. Bemis on town history,	
and to be refunded,	50 00
Balance of taxes assessed in 1880,	661 57
"    "    "    1879,	16 11
Due for support of County paupers,	46 98
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	\$3,679 64

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1881.

Amount due on town bonds,	\$11,415 00
Coupons due by estimation,	171 22
Due for support Mrs. Wm. R. White at State Asylum,	34 00
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	\$11,620 22
Assets subtracted,	3,679 64
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Indebtedness March 1, 1881,	\$7,940 58
Indebtedness March 1, 1880,	\$9,440 19
"    "    1, 1881,	7,940 58
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Reduction of debt the past year,	\$1,499 61

## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town house,	\$7,000 00
Engine house,	600 00
Engine and fixtures,	1,000 00
Lock-up,	200 00
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	\$8,800 00

AMOS A. MASON,  
J. K. SOUTHWICK,  
LEVI A. FULLER,

*Selectmen of Marlborough.*

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Having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, we believe them to be properly vouched.

WILLIAM M. NASON,  
ELIJAH BOYDEN,

*Auditors.*

Marlborough, Feb. 28, 1881.



## REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

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The Firewards respectfully submit for the consideration and action of the town, for the past year, the following report of the fire department :

The machine and apparatus has been kept in good working order, and the firemen ever ready to respond to each and every alarm of fire.

An alarm March 13, 1880, caused by fire at Mr. Winch's dry house, was responded to, and the flames were soon under control of the firemen. Damage, \$150.

March 30. Alarms at Whitney & Clark's and at the Stone Mill were quickly responded to, but were both subdued without working the engine and with trifling damage.

June 18. Fire at Whitney & Clark's mill. Soon under control of the firemen. Damage \$250.

Dec. 20. Fire at Stone Mill picker house. Fire department responded efficiently and soon subdued the raging element. Damage estimated at \$300.

1881, Jan. 17. An alarm at Hodgskins' new picker house. Responded to, but without playing the engine. Slight damages.

Feb. 9. Alarm at Geo. W. Brown's house. Subdued without working the machine. Damage \$30.

The machine has been repaired at an expense of	\$14 44
Platform rebuilt at engine house,	5 97
Other running expenses,	17 88
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	\$38 29

We have 900 feet of hose, 350 feet of which are linen hose in good condition ; 250 feet are tender, and will bear but slight pressure, and 300 feet is unfit for use. We would earnestly recommend that the deficiency be immediately supplied.

New hose is needed. The rapidly failing strength of our hose we attribute to the inefficient means we have of drying the same, after it has been used. Economy demands improved facilities for preserving the hose. A fire alarm apparatus seems to be very much needed.

A reservoir is needed on Main street, near Wallace Haly's.

Water should be brought within reach of the engine, as it stands in the engine house.

By supplying the deficiency above suggested, we feel that the fifty men who are ever ready to respond to every alarm of fire, at the risk of life and limb, the efficiency of our fire department would be equal to every emergency.

GOODHUE TENNEY,

*Chief of Firewards.*

# TOWN HALL BUILDING.

REPORT OF ELIJAH BOYDEN, AGENT, FROM MARCH 1, 1880,  
TO MARCH 1, 1881.

1880.

## RÉCEIPTS.

March	6,	Rec'd from Dramatic Club,	\$ 6 00
	10,	" E. O. Woodward,	13 50
	10,	" Mr. Howe,	6 00
	17,	" Engine Company,	3 00
	17,	" Jairus Collins,	1 00
	17,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	8 00
April	2,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	2,	" Rev. Mr. Coult,	1 50
	2,	" Jairus Collins,	2 00
	15,	" Shaffer's Bell Ringers,	5 00
	17,	" Jubilee Singers,	4 00
	28,	" Dramatic Club,	7 00
May	1,	" "	2 00
	4,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	7,	" Blind singers,	2 00
June	2,	" George G. Davis,	62 50
	2,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	12,	" Jubilee Singers,	3 00
	22,	" Hoffman's exhibition,	3 00
July	2,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
Aug.	2,	" "	10 42
	27,	" Base Ball Club,	4 00
Sept.	2,	" George G. Davis,	62 50
	2,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
Oct.	2,	" "	10 42
	11,	" Ed. Ash,	4 50
	21,	" Methodist Society,	7 00

Nov.	2,	Rec'd from Mechanics' Cornet Band,	\$ 8 00
	6,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	15,	" Blind singers,	2 00
	26,	" Assembly,	5 00
Dec.	1,	" George G. Davis,	62 50
	3,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	10,	" Assembly,	3 00
	24,	" " "	3 50
1881.			
Jan.	1,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	7,	" Assembly,	3 50
	19,	" Universalist Society,	9 00
	26,	" Dramatic Club,	10 00
	29,	" J. Stewart,	1 00
Feb.	1,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	4,	" Assembly,	3 00
	8,	" Grand ball,	6 00
	16,	" Methodist Society,	6 00
	18,	" Assembly,	3 50
	28,	" Dr. Pardo,	12 00
	28,	" Charles Giffin,	5 00
	28,	" C. I. Hale,	10 42
	28,	" George G. Davis,	62 50
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			\$538 04

#### 1880. DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan.	2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	\$100 00
	7,	" 11 gals. oil,	2 75
Sept.	7,	" A. Knowlton,	20 00
	2,	" Town Treasurer,	100 00
Oct.	14,	" H. L. Wiswall, wood,	10 00
	14,	" G. W. Tupper, sawing wood,	1 78
Dec.	1,	" Town Treasurer,	100 00
	1,	" 15 gals. oil,	3 50
	1,	" A. Knowlton,	23 50
	24,	" J. W. Sanger, for window,	1 55
1881.			
Jan.	28,	" Window glass, and setting,	1 80
Feb.	4,	" D. W. Tenney, wood,	5 09
	4,	" Fred Lang, sawing wood,	75



Feb. 28, Paid for 16 galls. oil,	\$4 00
“ 3 chimneys,	30
“ Lamp blower,	60
“ A. Knowlton,	24 00
“ My own services,	5 00
“ Town Treasurer,	133 42
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	\$538 04

ELIJAH BOYDEN, *Agent*.

Marlborough, March 1, 1881.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of the schools of Marlborough, for the year ending March 1st, 1881, is submitted to the town by the Superintending School Committee, in compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Prudential Committee, Byron C. Knight. This district has had but one term of schooling a year, for a number of years; there are only a few scholars—mostly boys—whose services are required at home during the summer months; but they have a small class of good scholars, who should enjoy the advantages of a larger school.

The term last autumn, was under the instruction of Miss Anna M. Ball, of Swanzev, and we regret to say it has not fully sustained its former proud position. The teacher, though passing a fair examination, was not energetic enough for a first class teacher, consequently the school was only moderately successful. Length of term, 14 weeks; number of scholars, 7.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Prudential Committee, Josiah W. Lawrence. Primary Department. The Spring term was again in care of Miss Irene L. Harrington, of this town. As usual, there were many little ones to amuse, interest and keep busy. She labored with her accustomed fidelity and zeal, and her efforts were crowned with success. Miss Harrington was well qualified for the position she occupied for so long a time, and we regret to lose her from the ranks of our teachers, but trust in her present sphere of life, others may gain what we have lost. Length of term, 11 3-5 weeks; number of scholars, 49.

The Fall term was taught by Miss M. Ida Woodward, of

this town. This school was unusually large, numbering sixty-eight pupils—enough for two schools—far too many scholars for one teacher to instruct properly or to advantage, and must have required a great deal of tact, perseverance and patience. In fact, as was remarked at the closing examination, “a teacher of peculiar genius is required to instruct a primary school successfully.” Miss Woodward soon won the affections and good will of her pupils, and by thus establishing communication with their hearts, as well as minds, was enabled to accomplish a good work. The closing exercises showed marked improvement, and were very satisfactory to those present. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 68.

Intermediate Department.—Both Spring and Winter terms were taught by Miss Annie L. Kidder, of Bellows Falls, who had charge of this school the previous year. She was very quiet in the school room, but thorough and practical in her method of teaching; good order was maintained, and the scholars were attentive and studious. The closing examinations showed all had labored together in the work, and that good progress was the result. The exercises gave evidence that the studies pursued were well understood, and lessons not gone over in so superficial a manner as is too frequently the case. Length of Spring term, 11 3-5 weeks; number of scholars, 34; Winter term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 35.

Grammar Department.—Miss Nellie M. Atwood, Alstead, who has labored so faithfully and efficiently for many terms, in this school, and whose success as a teacher is well known, had charge of both Spring and Winter terms. A large number of studies were pursued, which necessitated many classes, rendering it impossible to give the time and attention to the various branches necessary to secure the best results, and detrimental to some of the most necessary and important ones. The progress was good, although not what it would have been under other circumstances, for no teacher or school can accomplish everything at the same time. There is a large class in this school prepared to study the higher branches, and we do not feel to blame the scholars for desiring to study them, or the parents for wishing them to.

We think the parents and friends who were present at the close of the Winter term of this department, also of the Fall term of the primary department, could realize the disadvantages of the situation, and perceive that in one case, no one teacher can instruct to advantage so many branches, and in the other so many scholars. We sincerely hope the district will take the matter in hand, and that ways and means may be devised to overcome these great evils, and an opportunity given the scholars to receive more attention from the teachers, also the privilege of studying the branches they desire without interfering with common necessary studies. We would respectfully recommend the district to make arrangements for practical, not theoretical, graded schools, with one or more terms of high school, and that the other districts be invited to co-operate in the work and enjoy the same privileges. Length of Spring term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 33. Length of Winter term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 40.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Prudential Committee, Elias A. Thatcher. Both terms of school were in care of Miss Ina L. Davis, of Ludlow, Vt., a teacher of experience, and excellent qualifications. Her method of teaching was good, she labored hard and faithfully in the discharge of her duties, and endeavored to obtain the good will of her pupils; but for some reason, failed to maintain the order and secure the studiousness among her scholars, necessary to ensure the best results, consequently the examinations at the close of the terms, the Fall term especially, did not show the improvement there would otherwise have been, and were not satisfactory as could be desired. Spring term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 17; Winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 23.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Prudential Committee, Edwin W. Mason. The summer term was taught by Miss Carrie L. Lovering, of this town. This was Miss Lovering's first effort in teaching. We think had she continued in the work, would have made a successful teacher. She was very pleasant and energetic in school. She quickly won and retained the affections of her pupils, who under her management made very commendable improvement. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 9.



The Winter term was in care of Miss Florence McRoy of this town. The school commenced well, but the teacher did not long remain mistress of the situation. She lacked the energy so necessary for a successful teacher; the discipline was lax; and the progress (in the right direction) was not what we desired. Length of term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 11.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Prudential Committee, Oren W. Richardson. The Summer term was in care of Miss Jennie A. Richardson of Marlborough. The school was small, and it was Miss Richardson's first attempt at teaching, and from some cause there was not that happy feeling between teacher and scholars so desirable for the prosperity of our schools, neither that marked degree of improvement that has usually been manifest in the schools of this District. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 4.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie C. L. Wilson, of East Sullivan. Miss Wilson is a teacher of considerable experience, and has been uniformly successful, and here sustained her former good reputation; under her management love and order prevailed, the school made rapid progress in the studies pursued, and the closing examination was satisfactory to all concerned. Length of term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 7.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Prudential Committee, Charles M. Jones. Miss Clara E. Hardy taught the Summer term. Miss Hardy is an experienced teacher, and she labored faithfully to advance her pupils in their various studies; the scholars manifested a desire to improve as fast as possible. The result was a good school. Length of term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 10.

The Fall term, taught by Miss Lizzie C. Moors, was a very successful school. Miss Moors is quiet in the school-room, but accomplishes much work; she understands herself well, her government is very good, and her instruction thorough. Length of term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 11.

The people in this District have done a good work the past year; not only have they employed good teachers, and had

excellent schools, but they have repaired their school house, making it a comfortable, pleasant place.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Prudential Committee, Milton J. White. The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss M. Ida Woodward, of this town. Although this was her first experience in teaching, her instruction would have given credit to an older teacher; her pleasant, happy ways with the children gained at once their good will and affection. The improvement was very good. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 8.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Olive Grey Lane, of Gloucester, Mass. Her methods of instruction, especially for small scholars, were very good; there was a little lack in the government, but as the school was quite small there was no trouble in consequence. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 10.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Prudential Committee, Mason L. White. The first term was taught by Miss Stella M. Stoddard, of Cavendish, Vt. Miss Stoddard was a kind, affectionate teacher, ever ready to assist her pupils in every way possible, always desirous of doing them all the good in her power. On account of ill health she had not been able to teach for a long time, consequently her methods of teaching were not quite up with the times. More noise and confusion were allowed than is desirable in any school. This school was moderately successful. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 19.

The services of Miss Mellora M. Wallace, of Ashburnham, Mass., were secured for the Fall term. This was her first school, and she entered upon her labors with an evident determination to be faithful in all her duties. She took a deep interest in her pupils, and secured their love and respect. Excellent discipline prevailed throughout the term. The improvement was good, and at the close of the term the teacher must have felt great satisfaction in knowing her labors had not been in vain. The examination was very creditable. One feature in particular was noticed—books were used but very little by either teacher or scholars, yet the questions were ready and the answers prompt. Your Committee were gratified to see so many of the parents and friends present, to

judge for themselves of the improvement of the school. Length of term, 8 weeks ; number of scholars, 18.

The Winter term was under the instruction of the same teacher. This school was successful in every point. Miss Wallace is a superior teacher, and we hope to see her in our school rooms many more times. Length of term, 9 weeks ; number of scholars, 17.

The people in this District have this year refurnished their school-room, something which has long been needed, and finally accomplished. They have put in neat and comfortable seats and desks, new settees, and a teacher's desk, together with a nice set of seven outline maps. Much credit is due the District for the good work they have done, and we trust no one will feel sorry for having helped to make our scholars comfortable.

#### REMARKS.

We find, on summing up the work accomplished in our schools for the past year, a good degree of improvement has been the result. Progress has been made in the right direction ; some of the districts have repaired their school houses, another has put in new furniture of the most approved pattern, maps, etc., and the methods of teaching pursued by some of the teachers were more in accordance with the spirit of the times, being more thorough and practical, and better adapted to the wants and duties of life, if not for show. The teachers have been faithful and diligent, although some may not have possessed all the qualifications for good instructors, and the scholars as a whole studious and orderly.

Although none of the schools should be pronounced total failures, we regret to say that in some instances they were not what could be desired, or what they should have been. Perfection is not to be expected in any school, neither a like degree of improvement in all, for that depends in a great measure upon circumstances, but it is absolutely essential that good, efficient teachers be secured, and in order to insure the best results in the expenditures of the public moneys, there should be scholars enough in every school, not only to make it interesting and profitable to the pupils, but necessary and possible to secure first-class teachers, for no such teachers

hold themselves in readiness to serve small districts, at low wages, when there are plenty of opportunities for procuring desirable situations in large schools, with good pay. Many persons who make inferior teachers excel in other departments in life. All have a calling, but not in the same direction. None make successful teachers, unless they have the desire and ability to secure the affections and good will of their pupils, energy, decision of character, together with a good education and the power of imparting knowledge to others, and none others should be employed, or attempt to teach.

One point to which we would particularly call the attention of the citizens of the town, is the fact, that a large number of the children and youth growing up in our midst, do not attend school, but are kept at work in the mills, or labor of some kind. This is wrong. It is one of the greatest evils that can befall not only a young man or woman to grow up in ignorance, but the immediate community in which they live, and the country of which they are citizens.

It would seem that every parent knowing the advantages of an education, or feeling the need of one, would prize it so highly they would make great sacrifices that their children might enjoy at least the advantages of a common school education, the best legacy they can leave them.

We find in most of our districts, scholars qualified to enjoy the advantages of a high school; we believe it for the advantage of both parents and scholars, to educate children at home rather than send them abroad, and see no reason why our scholars may not have the privileges enjoyed in other towns; but in order to bring this about and place our schools on the best possible footing, all must have an eye single to the interests of the schools and not permit extraneous circumstances or private interests to dim or obscure their vision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CARRIE C. FAIRBANKS,

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*Supt. School Committee.*



# TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of District.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teacher including board. per month.	No. of Weeks	No. of Scholars.		Average No. of Scholars.	Attendance.	No. of Scholars	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Music.	Amount of School Money appropriated for each District.	Average amt of Money per Scholar in each District.
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No. 1, P. D.,	Fall & Winter,	Anna M. Ball,	\$22.00	14	14	49 45	41	9-28	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	\$103.89	\$14.84
No. 2, P. D.,	Spring, Fall,	Irene L. Harrington, M. Ida Woodward,	36.00	11 3-5	11 3-5	68 59	55	41	4	49 49 30 33 7	68 68 60 38 9	34 34	34 34	34 34	20						
No. 2, I. D.,	Spring,	Annie L. Kidder,	36.00	12	13	34 32	7-116	30 24-29	16	34 34	35 35	35 35	35 35	26							
No. 2, G. D.,	Winter,	Annie L. Kidder,	38.00	13	33 30	35 32	83-130	30 1-13	6	35 35	25 23	26	33	40							
No. 2, G. D.,	Spring,	Nellie M. Atwood,	38.00	12	40 38	33 30	7-58	28 1-16	3	33 33	25 23	26	33	40							
No. 3,	Winter,	Nellie M. Atwood,	48.00	13	40 38	33 30	7-58	28 1-16	3	33 33	25 23	26	33	40							
No. 3,	Spring,	Ina L. Davis,	22.00	9	17 16.2	15 7-9			4	40 40	*	*	*	*							5.15
No. 3,	Fall,	Ina L. Davis,	24.00	10	23 17.26	16			4	*	*	*	*	*							5.65
No. 4,	Spring,	Carrie L. Lovering,	20.00	8	9 9	9 9		8	3	*	*	*	*	*							8.65
No. 4,	Fall,	Florence McRoy,	22.00	11	11 11	11 11	10.78	8	3	*	*	*	*	*							8.65
No. 5,	Spring,	Jennie A. Richardson,	20.00	8	4 3 72	3.5		3.5	1	*	*	*	*	*							13.74
No. 5,	Fall,	Hattie C. L. Wilson,	23.40	11	7 6.91	6.82		6.82	3	*	*	*	*	*							8.75
No. 6,	Spring,	Clara E. Hardy,	22.00	7	10 9.5	9.3		9.3	2	*	*	*	*	*							8.75
No. 6,	Fall,	Lizzie C. Moors,	22.00	13	11 9.23	8.59		8.59	0	*	*	*	*	*							9.49
No. 7,	Spring,	M. Ida Woodward,	20.00	10	8 7 45-97	7 30-97		7 30-97	6	*	*	*	*	*							104.45
No. 7,	Winter,	Olivia Grey Lane,	20.00	10	9 213-1000	8.384		8.384	3	*	*	*	*	*							9.49
No. 8,	Spring,	Stella M. Stoddard,	24.00	8	19 18 17-40	16 7-20		16 7-20	5	*	*	*	*	*							104.45
No. 8,	Fall,	Mellora M. Wallace,	24.00	8	18 17 13-80	17 53-80		17 53-80	7	*	*	*	*	*							166.92
No. 8,	Winter,	Mellora M. Wallace,	24.00	9	17 15 15-19	14 43-45		14 43-45	5	*	*	*	*	*							\$1,642.99

\* Not reported in Register.





